struggle of the war, enters on its fourth month today. The Germans, with characteristic patience and stub-bornness, are hammering at Dead Man with characteristic patience and with characteristic patience and hill, where the most furious and bloody fighting of the three-month conflict has taken place. Clinging desperately to the trenches that they have wrested from the French on the lower slopes of the hill, the Teutons have hurled 60,000 men, backed by sixty batteries of guns of all calibers, forward along a seven-mile front from Avocourt wood to the Meuse, in a desperate effort to seize the coveted summit.

As has been usual in this war when either side launched a well prepared and strongly delivered offensive, the attacking forces have won initial advantages. The Germans have succeeded in gaining a footing in the French first line at a cost of severe losses. However, judging from the experiences of the past, it will not be a difficult task for the French to dislodge them before they are able to follow up their advantage.

Both sides will return to their for-

before they are able to took and advantage.

Both sides will return to their former positions to await another offensive. That the Germans must continue their tremendous onlaught on Dead Man hill or abandon the idea of taking Verdun seems obvious. This blood-soaked summit and its sister eminence, Hill No. 304, form the key of the whole system of Verdun's defenses. They fire from their batteries flanks the Douaumont plateau across the river. Without the undisputed possession of this plateau military critics agree that no attack on Verdun has any chance of success.

### Germans Take Many Prisoners.

BERLIN, May 21, via London, May 22.-More than 1,300 French, including thirty-one officers, sixteen machine guns and eight cannon, were captured in a new German assault on the Verdun front, in the region of Dead Man hill, the war office announced today. The statement says the German lines were advanced on the south and southwest slopes of the hill. The communi-

as follows: e south and southwest slopes "On the south and southwest slopes of Dead Man hill our lines were adanced after effective artillery preparation. Thirty-one officers and 1,315 men were taken prisoners, and in addition to other war material, sixteen machine guns and eight cannon were captured. Minor counter attacks by the enemy were abortive.

"East of the Meuse: It has been ascertained that the French attack with hand grenades in Caillette wood on hand grenades in Caillette wood on the night of May 20 was repulsed. There was no infantry action at this point yesterday. The firing on both sides at times was very violent. Minor expeditions west of Beaumont and south of Gondrexon were successful.
"Near Ostend (Belgium) a hostile

aeroplane was brought down by the fire of our anti-air craft guns and fell fire of our anti-air craft guns and fell into the sea. Four other machines were shot down in aerlal encounters. Two of them fell within our lines, one near Lorgies, north of La Bassee, and the other near Chateau Salins. The remaining two fell within the enemy's lines, one in Borrus wood, west of the Meuse, and the other beyond a hill east of Verdun "Our aeroplane squadron again drop-ped bombs freely on Dunkirk during the night." east of Verdun.

# PLAN CELEBRATION FOR JULY FOURTH

# "Military Preparedness" Feature Observance of Independence Day.

Washington's annual Fourth of July celebration is to be observed this year as "military preparedness" day.

In educational as well as spectacular value it will eclipse any previous Independence day celebration, provided Washingtonians contribute \$5,000 to the Turkish Mesopotamia army. meet the expense. This amount, it is stated, will be absolutely required for carrying out the program which formally was adopted at a meeting of the joint citizens' committee held in the of-fice of Commissioner Newman today. The District National Guard is to be a big factor in the celebration. Gen. William E. Harvey, commander, who met with the committee, said four guns will fire the national salute. They city and will fire forty-eight salutes each, beginning at noon

# Military Program Planned.

At the Brightwood reservoir, in the afternoon, where the annual horse show trict Guard will stage a military program of unusual interest. There will be a wall-scaling exhibition and a bayonet charge. Blank cartridges will be onet charge. Biank carringes will be used, and the maneuvers will have all the appearances of a real battle. Fort Myer troopers also will participate in this section of the all-day program. Melvin C. Hazen, District surveyor, again is chairman of the tournament committee.

committee.

Something new will be contributed by the athletic committee, of which C. Edward Beckett is chairman. Besides the usual features of the field day exercises that annually are held on the White Lot, there will be introduced a relay race, with the teams participating representing the various citizens' associations of the District. In addition, there will be special contests for policemen, firemen and Boy Scouts. M. A. Leese, Washington Topham and Charles J. Columbus have been appointed a commitlumbus have been appointed a commit-tee to solicit prizes from the principal trade bodies to be presented to the winners of the athletic contests.

# REJECTS TUBANTIA THEORY.

# Netherlands to Send Strong Note to Berlin, Is Report.

LONDON, May 22.- The dutch government has decided to send a strong note to Berlin, saying that the German version of the torpedoing of the Dutch steamer Tubantia cannot be accepted and holding Germany responsible for it, says a dispatch to the Daily Mail from Rotterdam.

Mail from Rotterdam.

A dispatch from The Hague last week said the discussions of Dutch torpedo experts in Berlin regarding the sinking of the Tubantia had been without conclusive results. Germany admitted that metal found in the Tubantia's boats was part of a German torpedo, but asserted the commander of the submarine from which the torthe sinking of the Tubantia had been without conclusive results. Germany admitted that metal found in the Tubantia's boats was part of a German torpedo, but asserted the commander of the submarine from which the torpedo came said it was not fired at the Tubantia March 16, but at a British warship March 6, and that it missed 'its target.'

Auto Racer Dies in Air Battle.

PARIS, May 22.-Georges Boillot, automobile racer and aeronaut, has been killed in a fight with five German seroplanes. He succeeded in bringing down one of the German machines be fore a bullet pierced his heart. M. Boillot served earlier in the war as chauf-feur for Gen. Joffre. He won the grand prize of the Automobile Club of France in 1912 and 1913.

# **RUSSIANS NOW AID** BRITISH ON TIGRIS

Adventurous Ride, Joins Gen. Gorringe.

# TEUTONS GO TO SUCCOR OF MENACED OTTOMANS

Armies Being Assembled for What May Be Decisive Battle in Mesopotamia.

LONDON, May 22,-A force of Rusarmy on the Tigris, in Mesopotamia. An official communication concern

lows: "Gen. Lake reports that on the 19th left bank of the river. A force of Russian cavalry has joined Gen. Gorringe after a bold and adventurous ride."

### Russian Exploit a Surprise.

How this important junction was effected is still unknown, and the story will be awaited with intense interest. ment came from the Russian army which is threatening Khanikan, but it still remains a puzzle where and how

Their sudden appearance with Gen. Their sudden appearance with Gen. Gorringe also has raised the question whether the Russians have already cut the Bagdad railway at Mosul. In any case, the unexpected appearance of this body of cavalry is as great a surprise as was the first landing of the Russian troops at Marseilles, and is another instance of the swift and stealthy movement of the Russian forces in Asia Minor.

### Teutons to Aid of Turks.

xpected at Bagdad in June," says Times' Bucharest correspondent. Twelve thousand Austrians are al- badges. ready there. The Turks are weakening the defense of Constantinople, sending all possible reinforcements to Asia Minor and concentrating a large re at Marasha, three days' march rtheast of Alexandretta (on the editerranean, in northern Syria), nere they fear an attempted landing

northeast of Alexandretta (on the Mediterranean, in northern Syria), where they fear an attempted landing by entente allies."

A Constantinople dispatch to the Geneva Tribune says that Field Marshal Liman von Sanders is assembling a strong force of Turkish troops at Sivas, in Asiatic Turkey, to oppose the advance of the Russians. The Turks are equipmed abundantly with artilation. are equipped abundantly with artil-

lery.

The correspondent also says that
Turkey has called out recruits of the
ages of seventeen and eighteen.

# Russians Straighten Line.

PETROGRAD, May 21, via London, May 22 .- The Russian occupation of Sakiz and their advance upon the village of Ban is of extreme importance and establishes a direct line of communication between the two Russian

had been so successful as to capture but, as officially announced, the Rus- sephine L. Jacobs and Mrs. Ansor and tournament will be held, the Dispositions and the danger created by this wedge into the Russian line has gates, will make the journey on the been removed.

> of direct communication, which not only makes further Kurdish inroads impossible, but lightens the difficult task of provisioning, which delayed the Russanford Shelton, Mrs. Charles P. ian progress in Asia Minor.

E. C. Graham reported that the fireworks committee has framed a tentative program, but how far this committee will be able to go will be determined by the extent to which contributions are made. The donation list now is officially open and the committee hopes for an immediate response by the public. Contributions of any size are desired. They should be sent either to Commissioner Newman, at the District building, or to Edmund S. Wolfe, treasurer, at the District National REJECTS THESE.

## Ambassador Page Cables That Death Sentence Has Been Commuted.

LONDON, May 22, 11:20 a.m.-Official onfirmation was obtained today of the report that a sentence of ten lyears in prison has been given in the case of Jeremiah C. Lynch, an American citizen, charged with having participated in the Irish rebellion. The American embassy received this information to-day from the military authorities.

ence had been mprisonment.
There is nothing in the message to the message to whether the representations

indicate whether the representations ordered by President Wilson in Lynch's behalf had resulted in the commutabehalf had resulted in the commuta-tion of sentence.

Ambassador Page also reported that John J. Kilgalion of Long Island City, N. Y., whose father asked the State Department to intervene in his behalf, is interned in a camp at Stafford, Eng-land. Mr. Page said he hoped soon to secure Kilgalion's release.

Earth Shock at Athens, Greece. ATHENS, Greece, May 22, via Paris 12:01 p.m.—A severe earthquake shock was fell here shortly before midnight.

# **BIENNIAL MEETING** ATTRACTS 20,000

Force of Czar's Cavalry, by Federation of Women's Clubs to Assemble Tomorrow in New York.

# PINK TICKETS ARE ISSUED TO HUSBANDS ATTENDING

Convention to Remain in Session Until June 1-Large Delegation From Washington.

NEW YORK, May 22.-Local delesian cavalry has joined the British gates to the biennial convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs are busy today welcoming clubwomen ing the situation along the Tigris fol- from the west and south at the railroad and steamship terminals. About 5,000 clubwomen are here already, and 15,000 the enemy vacated the Bethaiessa ad- more are expected before the convention vance position, on the right bank of the opens tomorrow. Delegations from Tigris. Gen. Gorringe, following up Texas, Louisiana, Utah, Michigan and the enemy, attacked and carried the Oregon left special trains at Albany Dujailam redoubt. The enemy is still this morning and will reach here late holding the Sannayyat position on the this afternoon by boat on the Hudson river. The Kentucky and Alabama groups got in yesterday. The women from Illinois are expected this evening, and those from Massachusetts and

> Thousand Husbands Registered. More than 1,000 husbands of the club nembers have registered with the committee on husbands, and the supply of pink tickets printed for their use has been exhausted. These tickets admit the bearer to only one session of the convention or a conference.

convention or a conference.

Beginning today there will be luncheons and dinners for the delegates every day until the convention ends on June 1. The board of directors met this morning, and this afternoon the board gave a luncheon to sixty-five members of the executive committee. Tonight the board will give a dinner for the chairmen of departments.

The local biennial board has issued a list of "don'ts" warning visitors against unscrupulous persons who prey upon the traveling public in every large city, and advising them not to speak to any one upon their arrival except accredited members of the reception committee, who are distinguished by yellow badges.

"Four thousand German troops are

Washingtonians to Leave Tomorrow Washington's contribution to the 20,000 women who will attend the thirteenth biennial of the General Federation of Women's Clubs in New York. over the Pennsylvania railroad in a special train tomorrow morning. At Baltimore they will be joined by the delegation from that city, and in East Orange, N. J., both parties are to be en-tertained by the New Jersey state fed-

Numerous other affairs have been planned for the Washington women. Just before the return trip, June 2, the last day of the convention, they will be the guests of Mrs. Coleman du Pont at her Long Island estate. Wednesday they will be luncheon guests of Mrs. John Hays Hammond at the Hotel Astor, and at the official reception that afternoon Miss Margaret Wilson will be the honor guest. During their visit they will be tendered a reception by Mrs. Thomas A. Edison and taken on a tour of inspection of the great Edison laboratories. other affairs have been

The local delegates are Mrs. L. B. the Persian towns of Sakiz and Ban. Stine, Mrs. Augustus Knight, Mrs. Jo-

Those who, in addition to the delespecial from here include: Mrs. Court
Ban is near the Turkish border, and
F. Wood, president of the District fed-Ban is near the Turkish border, and along a 200-mile front the Russian armies now are drawn up close to the Mesopotamian frontier. Military experts believe that further progress for the Russians should be considerably facilitated by this straightening out of the Russian line and the establishment of direct communication, which not Sanford Shelton, Mrs. Charles P. Granfield, Mrs. Josephine Rich, Mrs. EQUIPMENT WORTH \$200,000.

French Steamer Brings War Appliances Here for Exhibition Purposes.

NEW YORK, May 22.—The unusual sight of a foreign steamship coming into port with her decks loaded with ing.

Granfield, Mrs. Josephine Rich, Mrs. Theodora Cunningham, Miss Estelle Wheeler, Mrs. Jessie L. Lane, Mrs. Sidwell, Mrs. Ernest P. Bicknell, Mrs. Eugene E. Stevens, Mrs. Mary S. Lockwood, Grace M. Pierce, Lida A. Williams, Mrs. Jesse Criswold, Mrs. Della Hines Mertz, Mrs. Mary M. Norse, Mrs. Bertha Wolfe, Mrs. Katharine Fenton and Mrs. Mabel T. Harding.

Baugham was crushed to death by the car which he was climbing up sideswiping another on an adjoining track.
The case involved a question as to the necessity for the railroad warning Baugham about such a danger, he having worked as a brakeman only one day.

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torneys George C. Gertman and John Ridout, filed a caveat to the will of his aunt, Sarah E. Moore, who died in April last, leaving an estate of the estimated value of \$60,000. Mr. Moore claims that his aunt did not possess sufficient mentality to execute a valid deed or contract at the time of the alleged execution of the will, July 7, 1915 and that its execution was procured by the exercise of undue influence pracced upon her by two of her relatives, nder the will Mr. Moore is given

Thousands Visit Botanic Garden. With the peany blossoms practically all in full bloom, the several thousand isitors to the United States Botanie Gardens yesterday witnessed a most unusual sight. From early morning until dark there was a constant Stream of visitors in the gardens. George W. Hess, the superintendent, has had about completed the setting out of the plants and the rose bushes now are all blossoming.

PREPAREDNESS TOURNAMENT STARTS AT SHEEPSHEAD BAY. RETURNING BOARD



NEW MOTOR CYCLE AMBULANCE, THE VERY LATEST THING IN HOSPITAL TRANSPORTS FROM THE FRONT TO THE HOSPITALS.

# SCHOOL CHILDREN MAY COLLECT OLD PAPERS

Final Plans With Contractor Today.

Children of the District public schools probably will soon begin collecting old ments.

It will be necessary, however,

dren that the dealers get them as soon stark, raving mad in the price we as possible afterward, as no large numbers of papers could be left in the buildings because of the fire danger. While they are helping to raise funds for the playgrounds, the children will at the same time be learning practical lessons in thrift and economy, it is pointed out. They will see the value of saving things which are frequently thrown away or destroyed as valueless.

# For Benefit of Playgrounds.

the same time, it is thought that a great quantity of paper will be recovered, thus helping out in the paper

groups which are operating against the Turkish Mesopotamia army.

Although little has been known regarding the military operations in this immediate district, which lies between Lake Urumiah and Khanikan, on the Persian border northeast of Bagdad, Kurdish bands supported by Turkish regulars have been for a long time attempting to make inroads into Persia and, by cutting off from each other the Russian armies advancing toward the Mesopotamian border, make their progress impossible.

Kurdish Menace Removed.

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It is part the party will reach New York late to morrow evening. The election of officers will occur on Wednesday and will be the sold as soon as a purchaser is found. They can be about 4,800 pounds of text books which have been condemned. These will be to sold as soon as a purchaser is found. They can be sold as soon as a purchaser is found. They can be sold as soon as a purchaser is found. They can be sold as sters will "get busy" and begin collec

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the line" ensued, Justice Siddons at one point remarking to the government's "Of course you do not expect them to oncede these transactions were by the Riggs National Bank!"

Mr. Hogan and Mr. Stanchfield then verbally, but formally, in answer to the district attorney's questions, conceded a number of points the government was proving. Mr. Laskey accepted them, and proving. Mr. Laskey accepted them, and said he would turn to something else.

# Government Paid Stenographer.

James R. Wick, a public stenographer, who reported testimony given by the bank officials some time ago before bank examiners, was called to the stand. He had testified last week as to how he was paid. Today, under Mr. Hogan's examination, it was brought out that his payment came from the government, through the Treasury Department, and from two bank examiners who conducted the examination. The government then offered to place in evidence an advice of sale made out by Lewis Johnson & Co. to the Riggs start at 13th and S streets northwest bank, which was indorsed across its and proceed east to 6th street, T street, face: "Hand to Mr. Cook." John R. Boteler of New York, formerly a clerk and bookkeeper for the Johnson firm, testified that to the best of his knowledge and belief it had never gone to

declaring he was trying to show that the bank officials had made personal profit out of their dealings for customers of the bank. Mr. Hogan demanded to know on what grounds evidence could be produced to show whether or could be produced to show whether or or to be claring that had made money, declaring that had nothing to do with the perjury charges. Mr. Laskey said the perjury charges. Mr. Laskey said the perjury charges are based. This paragraph of the affidavit was to make the effect that if there are any items on the books of Lewis Johnson & Co. purporting to record transactions by the Riggs Bank they are false.

Justice Siddons sustained Mr. Hogan's objection for the defense to the introduction of testimony as to whether bank officials made profits, and Mr. Laskey addressed the court in the third duction of testimony as to whether bank officials made profits, and Mr. Laskey addressed the court in the meeting by a number of companies of the attorney general, ilso for the prosequence of the pros ot a bank official had made money, de

# CLEVELAND IN MARKET FOR WALTER JOHNSON

Assistant Supt. Kramer Making Fans of Sixth City All Agog Over Porto Rican Bill Maneuvered Into Report Washington May Sell Pitcher.

CLEVELAND, May 22 .- The rumo was in circulation here today, and was newspapers to be sold for the benefit of not denied by President James C. Dunn. the school playgrounds. Stephen E. that the Cleveland American League Kramer, assistant superintendent of base ball club is in the market for Walschools, who has had the matter under ter Johnson, pitcher for the Washingadvisement, this afternoon is to meet ton club, and considered by many base the contractor and make final arrange- ball experts the greatest pitcher in the national pastime.

"Of course, we would buy Johnson the papers are collected by the chil- said Dunn; "however, we wouldn't go would pay. We are willing to pay big money, but the price must be fair."

# Why Johnson Might Be Sold.

The reasons advanced by base ball men here as to conditions that would make Washington willing to consider an offer for Johnson include the fact that Washington fans do not patronize the club in as large numbers as in For Benefit of Playgrounds.

It is believed that a substantial sum of money may be raised for the benefit of the playgrounds is the manner. At the same time, it is thought that a great quantity of paper will be recovited.

With the Tris Speaker deal fresh in their minds the fave of the Sixth city.

their minds, the fans of the Sixth city are agog with excitement over the even remote possibility of Johnson beng obtained for the Indians.

Served as White House Aid to President Johnson-Funeral Wednesday.

Col. Wright Rives, U. S. A., retired, one of the White House aids to Presi- garage for general business. dent Johnson, died this morning at his home. Rives Station. Md., following a long illness. Funeral services are to be held Wednesday, and the interment is to be private.

Col. Rives was a native of this city. He received his education in the local public schools and was appointed to Academy with the class of 1861.

He served during the first years of he war at Vicksburg, but was forced He served during the first years of the war at Vicksburg, but was forced to leave active field duty on account of injuries. Following his duty at the White House he retired in 1870, and devoted the remainder of his life to farming on his estate in Maryland. He was a member of the Loyal Le-gion. His wife, Mrs. Belle M. Rives, is living.

# COLORED AUTOISTS' PARADE.

Exhibition Will Advertise Trades and Professions of Their Race. With 147 entries already received.

preparations practically are complete for the colored automobile parade, to be held Saturday. Commissioner Brownlow, Maj. Pullman, superintendent of police; John Doyle Carmody, Joseph Berberich and Julian C. Dowell will be the judges. The parade will New Hampshire avenue, 8th street to Massachusetts avenue, 16th street, Massachusetts avenue, 16th street, through Executive avenue and down Pennsylvania avenue to 3d street, where the judges will announce the

Pennsylvania avenue to 3d street, where the judges will announce the awards.

Music for the parade will be furnished by the 1st Battalion Band of the District National Guard. The object of the procession will be to advertise the colored trades and professions of the District. Joseph Berberich has offered the first prize, which is a silver loving cup. Other prizes will be given by Mr. Dowell, Mr. Carmody and anonymous donors. To Head Monday Evening Club. George S. Wilson, secretary of the

# DISTRICT APPROPRIATION **BILL IS NOT TAKEN UP**

Position Where House Has to Consider It.

Contrary to all expectations, the House did not take up the District appropriation bill upon convening at 11 o'clock today, but instead went forward with the Porto Rican bill. It had been planned to bring in the special rule under which the District bill's legislative features would be made proof against points of order, and Representative Page, chairman of the District subcommittee of the appropriations committee, was on hand with a score of members who will support him during the debates on the bill itself.

ing the debates on the bill itself.

Representative Pou, acting chairman of the rules committee, was ready with the rule, and the minority members also were present expecting that the program of ninety minutes' debate on the rule. followed by a vote, would precede the reading of the District bill, with the customary general debate, which is to be short. However, much to the surprise of every one, Representative Garrett of Tennessee maneuvered the Porto Rican bill into a position where the House had to take it up.

It is possible the District bill will be under way late this afternoon.

### ATTORNEY REID DISBARRED. Accused of Making Baseless Charges Against Fellow Practitioner.

Ray S. Reid, a member of the bar was today disbarred from practicing West Point by Jefferson Davis when the in the Court of Appeals of the Dislatter was Secretary of War. Col. trict of Columbia. The opinion of the Rives was graduated from the Military court, by Chief Justice Shepard, directs that his name be stricken from the rolls of attorneys of the court. Mr. Reid, according to the opinion, filed an affidavit in the case of Reid agt. Dodge in which he charged im-

Honors Wash.-Jeff. College.

proper conduct against an opportant and oppo

harges were baseless.

WASHINGTON, Pa., May 22.-Rev. John A. Marquis, who was elected modrator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church at Atlantic City, last week, was the twenty-second graduate of Washington and Jefferson College or of its two component col-leges within the past 126 years to hold that office. Of this number all but two headed the Presbyterian Church North. Rev. Ruggles Wilson, father of Presi-dent Wilson, was one of the two who served as moderator of the Presby-terian Church South.

### Gen. Arthur Goergei Dead. LONDON, May 22, 12:01 p.m .- The death in Budapest yesterday of Gen. Arthur Goergei is reported in a Central News dispatch from Amsterdam. Gen. Goergei was commander-in-chief of the Hungarian army during the war

Invite President to Banquet. Rev. Lucien Clark and James Shera Montgomery of this city called on President Wilson, today and invited him to attend the testimonial banquet at Rau-scher's June 2 in honor of Bishop Barl Cranston, who has retired from active work in the Methodist Church. The Pres-ident indicated that he would attend if engagements did not conflict.

# ACTION HELD VOID

Charles Linkins Explains That Classes at Preparedness Only Two Members Canvassed Election Returns.

COUNSEL GUIDED DECISION FOR MILLER-CHASE TICKET

Charges of Collusion Made by G. C. Gertman Sent to Frank J. Hogan in Form of Letter.

Charges of collusion in the councils of republican officials of the District to give the certificate of election to serve as delegates to the Chicago convention to the Miller-Chase ticket; denial of these charges, and an explanation made by the board of elections as to the reason for their reversing the certificate of the returning board, which body gave the election to Hogan and Williston, were the developments of the day in the triangular fight over the recently held primaries.

Breaking the silence which he has maintained concerning the reasons of the board of elections in reversing the announced findings of the returning board. Charles Linkins, chairman of th former body, today consented to make public some of the evidence by which the board was guided in making out the certificate of election. He pointed out that only two of the three members appointed to serve on the returning board were present at the time of canvassing the ballots, and claimed that in view of this fact "the count meant absolutely nothing." Referring to the charge of collusion made today by George C. Gertman of the returning board, who claims that the board received definite instructions as to which ticket to return, irrespective of the actual count of the ballots, he said:

"I know nothing whatever of the matter. If such a proposition was made to the certificate of election. He pointed ter. If such a proposition was made to the returning board Mr. Gertman was ob usly right in vigorously resenting it.

### Statement by Mr. Linkins. Referring to the decision of the board

of elections, Mr. Linkins said: "The canvass of the returns by two nembers of the returning board, there being a vacancy at the time, was held by the election board to be void. This de cision was made on advice of counsel and was no reflection on the two members who attempted to act. The advice of counsel was that the returning board should have consisted of three members when it undertook its duties.

"The election board, therefore, carefulty went into the entire matter and de-

ly went into the entire matter and de-termined it on the ballots, the registra-tion, the returns of judges and evidence

"The proper forum to consider all of this is the convention at Chicago."

Charges in Form of Letter. The collusion charges made by Mr ertman took the form of a letter written yesterday to Frank J. Hogan of the Hogan-Williston ticket. The letter which notified Mr. Hogan that he had been informed of the action of the election board said in part:

It is possible the District bill will be under way late this afternoon.

U. S. SUPREME COURT DECIDES.

Power of Utilities Board Over Taxicab Company Defined.

The Supreme Court of the United States today held that the public utilities commission of the District of Columbia has jurisdiction over the Terminal Taxicab Company, but modified the decree of the Court of Appeals so as to restrain an inquiry into the rates charged by the plaintiff at its garage or the exercise of jurisdiction over the Same.

This means that the public utilities commission can control over the business of the Union station and from hotels, but has no control over the business of the Company through telephone calls to its garage for general business.

ATTORNEY REID DISBARRED

temptible suggestion was vigorously resented by me and that the opening of the ballot boxes was public, the re-spective candidates being invited, and there were present, besides yourself, representatives of the Washington Post and Washington Herald. Very truly yours, GEORGE C. GERTMAN."

# Mr. Hogan's Declaration.

Frank J. Hogan, who yesterday stated that he is going to Chicago "to tear up the Miller-Chase certificate and take the seat to which the voters of Washington elected me," was asked this morning how he would contemplate proposal on the part of the board of elections to send the whole mass of evidence in the hands of the board out to the republican national committee and have it decide the fight. Mr. Hogan

"I would welcome such a course as it would show up the most flagrant effort practice in torpedo defense on the drill to steal an election ever perpetrated. I grounds off this harbor last week, it set out to conduct a clean campaign for a seat at the convention, and contrary to the precedent of previous done at night under conditions approximating to conducted one. I won the seat mating those prevailing in actual ward I will sit in it." and I will sit in it."

Efforts to obtain an interview with Chapin Brown, republican national committeeman from the District, proved unavailing, Mr. Brown declining to make a statement.

MRS. LA FOLLETTE HONORED. Guest at Dinner by Eight Woman

University Students.

Eight woman students of George Washington University gave a dinner at Hotel Powhatan Saturday evening. Mrs. Cheatham acted as toastmistress of liberation. He was also prominent and delivered an address on "The atas a chemist. Gen Goergei was nine-titude of women entering into the study ty-eight years old. He came of a Saxon noble family. M. La Follette, the first woman to be admitted to the bar in Wisconsin, was the guest of honor. She told what her legal training had meant to her. Other addresses were delivered by Misses Clark, Jewell, Keenan, Volstead, Osoinach and Loebel. The table was decorated with a centerpiece of pink tulips Miniature cherry trees were given as favors, while the place cards were decrated in blue and gray ribbon, the university colors.

# PRESIDENT HAS ARMY BILL Began Considering Today Measure

Just Passed by Congress. President Wilson today began con

sideration of the army reorganization bill passed by Congress last week. He expects to sign it within a few days. He discussed features of it today with Chairmen Hay and Chamberlain of the Representative Hay told the President the army appropriation bill would be ready for the House later this work. It will carry approximately \$150,000,000 an increase of \$50,000,000 over last year's bill.

WOMAN STUDENTS EAGER TO LEARN

Camp Deeply Interested in

the Daily Routine.

MANY ARE VOLUNTEERS IN THE RED CROSS WORK

Mess Tent Embellished With Flowers Today, Giving the Surround-

ings a Homelike Aspect.

The fourth and last week of the woman's preparedness camp started today with all of the 200 resident and 300 day students full of enthusiasm and deeply interested in their classwork.

One of the surgeons in charge of a first aid class was detained today by an emergency case in Washington and was late for his class. Showing the zeal of the students, one of the young women in the class took charge until the doctor's arrival and asked the others the questions that they had been told to prepare for today. All of the young women entered with zest into this self-conducted class.

The officer of the day is Miss Frances Hoar, daughter of Mrs. Frederick H. Gillette. Representative Gillette is the veteran member of Congress from Springfield, Mass. As her color guards Miss Hoar has four members of Company B. Misses Anne Lewis and Marian Grant of Philadelphia and Mrs. W. J. Rhoades and Miss Barbara Bennett of

Boston.

The campers are taking a great deal of interest in the Red Cross work, and 102 of them have voluntarily joined the society. They are registered at the administration tent, conducted by Mrs. Theodora North McLaughlin for the District branch.

### Collecting Fund for Red Cross. The returns from the collection taken

for the preparedness work of the Red Cross Society at the concert given Saturday afternoon by pupils of the Washngton College of Music amounted to \$43.65. This was taken up by four

\$43.65. This was taken up by four young women from the camp—the Misses Chase and Misses Dorothy Mason and Ruth Latimer.

Company C is called the beauty company. The delegation from Savannah, Ga., is by public opinion given the honor of being the most beautiful group representing any city. Several large magazines have asked the privilege of printing pictures of some of these young women. Misses Josephine Clark and Lenore Hunter, two prominent young debutantes from Savannah, have been pointed out as the two most beautiful girls in the camp.

The mess tent looked more like home The mess tent looked more like home today to the campers. They found cut flowers on all the tables and ferns were placed about the sides of the tent,

TAX PENALTY AFTER JUNE 1.

Little More Than Week Left to Pay 1916 Obligation to D. C. District taxpayers have but little more than a week left in which to settle their obligations with the local government without incurring penalty

charges. After June 1 a penalty of 1 per cent a month becomes effective. In May ast year collections totaled \$5,600,000. The real estate levy for 1916 amounts to \$5.913,148. The personal levy totals \$1,318,342.72. Real estate on which taxes are not paid is sold at auction, while payment of personal taxes may be enforced by distraint of property any time after June 1.

Evening of Music, Mirth, Melody. Jean Wilson, assisted by musical mirth and melody at Rauscher's ballroom Friday at 8:15 p.m., for the benefit of the Methodist Home for Children. at 3249 N street northwest. The program will include piano selections by Claude Robeson, vocal selections by Mary Sherier Bowie, a group of tenor songs by J. F. M. Bowie and readings by Jean Wilson. The list of patronesses includes Mrs. Josephus Daniels, Mrs. James E. Gilbert, Mrs. Marvin Under-wood, Mrs. C. C. Carlin, Mrs. Addiston T. Smith and Mrs. Earl Cranston.

Graduation Exercises for Nurses.

Graduating exercises of the School of Nursing, at Children's Hospital will take place tomorrow evening at the hospital at 8 o'clock. The board of di-rectors of the hospital has issued in-vitations for the occasion.

Sixty-Five Shots; Forty-Seven Hits. SAN DIEGO, Cal., May 22.-Fortyseven hits out of sixty-five shots at a range of 1,800 yards was the record made by the three-inch gun pointers of the cruiser Pittsburgh at the elementary was announced today. The firing was fare. The men behind the six-inch guns scored thirty-five hits in fifty-three shots during the day practice at 1,800 yards range.

Named to Debt Commission.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., May 22 .- J. W. Dawson, a local coal operator, has been appointed a member of the Virginia debt commission from this state, according to an announcement made by Gov. H. D. Hatfield. He succeeds John W. Mason of Fairmont, who resigned following his appointment as a mem-ber of the state supreme court.

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